

Village of Malcolm

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June, 2020

Malcolm Residents:

July, 2020 Board Meeting – The July 1, 2020 Village Board meeting will be moved to July 8th, 2020 due to the July 4th Holiday.

Manganese – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has issued a Drinking Water Advisory for the Village of Malcolm due to the recent drinking water samples for manganese.

<u>Well #</u>	<u>Test Result on April 7, 2020</u>
1	302
3	298
4	326

The Village has three wells that run in a rotation order.

The following public notice is intended to provide information and recommendations for citizens in Malcolm regarding recent testing of drinking water samples for manganese.

Water samples were collected by the Village of Malcolm that show that levels of manganese exceed 300 micrograms of manganese per liter of water in some wells. Manganese is a natural occurring mineral found in soil, rock, food, and water. It is an essential nutrient required for many body functions, from the digestion and metabolism of nutrients to supporting bone health. The typical U.S. diet contains between 2,000-7,000 micrograms of manganese per day and the Food and Drug Administration recommends 2,000 micrograms (equivalent to 2 milligrams) of manganese per day for those 4 years of age and older. Manganese is commonly found in drinking water sources at levels around 50 micrograms per liter, however, levels above this can have an off taste, color, or odor, and cause staining in sinks or on laundry.

Although manganese is naturally occurring and an essential nutrient at low levels, exposure to high levels may be associated with adverse central nervous system effects, particularly for formula-fed infants. Infants not only have a developing nervous system but higher absorption and lower excretion of manganese than older children or adults do, so they are more sensitive to the effects of high levels of manganese.

Manganese is not regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does have a lifetime health advisory for manganese of 300 micrograms per liter. This level is considered to be protective of even the most vulnerable in the population, formula-fed infants. However, according to government recommendations, drinking water with levels greater than 300 micrograms per liter should not be used for preparing formula for infants.

Filtered or bottled water should be used for infants.

The Village Office has copies of all water samples required and suggested to take to keep the water safe for the residents of Malcolm. Please feel free to contact the Village Clerk for copies of these reports at any time. You can also contact Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (402) 471-0510 and speak with Sue Dempsey with the Drinking Water Division for more information.

Please keep in mind this a Health Advisory not a Health Warning.

Golf Carts – Due to recent events with golf carts being driven by underaged drivers; pulling kids behind on roller blades; driving on sidewalks; too many kids in the golf cart; the Village will be issuing citations to kids and/or parents for any future violations. These violations carry up to a \$500.00 fine. Per Nebraska statute, you must have a class “O” license or farm permit to operate a golf cart. A learner’s permit or provisional operator’s permit (POP) is **not** sufficient. The minimum age to obtain a class “O” license is 17 years of age.

Residents are also reminded that all the normal traffic laws apply to golf carts. Golf carts must stay under the speed limit, comply with STOP signs, and use appropriate signals when turning. Driving with too many passengers, or pulling another person behind the golf cart, or otherwise driving in a careless fashion will result in additional citations.

A copy of the Malcolm Ordinance is enclosed for your review.

If the threat of citations does not solve the issue by the next Board meeting on July 8, the Board will discuss potentially banning all golf cart, UTV’s and ATV’s from the Village.

Just a reminder, **dog renewals** were due by June 1, 2020, per Malcolm Municipal Codes 6-102 and 6-103 listed below, all dog(s) are required to be licensed through the Village Office; also a non-returnable copy of a **certificate of vaccination with the date(s) of the rabies vaccination** needs to be submitted with the applications.

6-102 Dogs: License. Any person who shall own, keep, or harbor a dog within the Village within thirty (30) days after acquisition of the said dog shall acquire a license for each such dog annually by or before the first (1st) day of June of each year. The said tax shall be delinquent from and after June tenth (10th); provided, the possessor of any dog brought into or harbored within the corporate limits subsequent to June first (1st) of any year, shall be liable for the payment of the dog tax levied herein and such tax shall be delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter. Licenses shall be issued by the Village Clerk upon the payment of a fee of eleven dollars (\$11.00) for each dog. One dollar (\$1.00) of the license fee will be submitted to the State Treasurer for the Commercial Dog and Cat Cash Fund. The owner shall state at the time the application is made and upon printed forms provided for such purpose, the owner’s name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned and kept by the owner. A certificate that the dog has had rabies shot effective for the ensuing year of the license shall be presented when the license is applied for and no license or tag shall be issued until the certificate is shown. (Ref. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§17-526, 54-603, 71-4412).

6-103 Dogs: Vaccination of dogs. All dogs kept or maintained within the corporate limits of the Village shall be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian duly licensed in the State of Nebraska once every three years, provided however that dogs under four months of age are not required to be vaccinated.

Board members needed: The Malcolm Village Board of Trustees will have three openings coming up on the election in November, 2020. Trustees are elected to a four-year term. The Village Board of Trustees generally meet on the first Wednesday of each month, with a begin time of 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall located at 137 E. Second Street. You must live within the Village limits to be able to run for a seat on the

Village Board of Trustees. If you are interested a “Candidate Filing Form” must be completed. Deadline for a non-incumbent to complete the form at the Village Hall is July 27th, 2020 or you have until August 3rd, 2020 if you complete a form at the Election Office located at 601 North 46th Street, Lincoln, NE. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village Office at (402) 796-2250.

Cross-Connection control Reporting Form – State law requires consumers of public water supplies to inspect their facilities not less than once every five years. **Completing and returning the enclosed form fulfills that requirement.** Failure to complete and return this form puts your water system in violation of State Health Department regulation Title 179.

The **Malcolm Car Show** that was scheduled for August 16, 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Malcolm Sewer System: Enclosed is a pamphlet “Protect your sewer, protect your environment” that lists the items that should not be flushed. Even things that are labeled “flushable” can cause problems in sewer systems. This pamphlet is sent to Lincoln residents and the Lincoln plant is much bigger than our plant here in Malcolm, so please take a minute to read that pamphlet to help in preventing sewer plugs here in Malcolm.

Village Board meetings as well as the Planning Commission meetings are opened to the public, your input is very important to the continued growth and everyday concerns of the Village. The Board cannot help with any problems that might arise within the Village unless you bring the problems or concerns to the Board. The Village Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and the Malcolm Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month, both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Village Hall located at 137 E. 2nd Street, Malcolm, NE.

The Malcolm Village Board